



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**  
**Division of Community Assistance**  
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Nashville, TN 37243-1533

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION**

For the Proposed Project of Rockwood (Roane County), Tennessee

CWSRF Project No. 2004-178

November 2, 2004

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Community Assistance, has conducted a review of the above-referenced project in accordance with the Operating Agreement between the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for implementing the State Revolving Fund Program. The Division has determined that this project is eligible for a Categorical Exclusion (CE). Accordingly, the Division is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under NEPA.

The project consists of improvements to the City of Rockwood's *existing* wastewater treatment plant. These improvements will include a new primary clarifier, a grit removal system and a sludge dewatering system. The total estimated project cost is \$981,395.00. A Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan in the amount of \$400,000.00 has been requested for this project. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$500,000.00 has been awarded and \$81,395 of local funds will be utilized to cover the additional needed funds for this project.

The project is eligible for a CE because undertaking this action:

1. Will not create a new or relocate an existing discharge to surface or ground waters
2. Will not substantially increase the volume of discharge or load of pollutants
3. Will not provide capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population
4. Will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment
5. Will not directly or indirectly affect cultural resources, habitats of endangered or threatened species, or environmentally important natural resources areas
6. Is cost-effective and should cause no significant public controversy

The determination shall become effective upon its distribution by this Division and can be revoked at any time adverse information is made available. The documentation to support this decision will be on file with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Community Assistance, and is available for public scrutiny upon request. If you wish to comment or to challenge this CE, send your written comment(s) to:

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